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MEMORANDUM

To: Directors, Exceptional Children Programs
Special Education Chairpersons, Institutions of Higher Education
Directors, Charter Schools
Directors, State Operated Programs
Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children
Advocacy Groups

From: William J. Hussey, Director *WJH*
Exceptional Children Division

Subject: Exceptional Children Distinguished Service Award Nominations

The Exceptional Children Division is busily preparing for the upcoming Exceptional Children March Institute to be held at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC on March 5-7, 2018. As part of this Institute, the Division will honor individuals who are distinguished for their many years of service and statewide impact on improving the education and lives of exceptional children in North Carolina. We will never be able to express our appreciation to all of you who work diligently, and often without adequate recognition for your efforts, in the field of education of exceptional children. However, we do want to take this special opportunity to recognize and honor those North Carolinians who have distinguished themselves by their contributions to the education of exceptional children across our state.

An award selection committee will identify persons from those nominated to receive the Distinguished Service Award. These presentations will be made during the Distinguished Service Award luncheon scheduled for March 6, 2018. Persons wishing to nominate individuals for consideration for a Distinguished Service Award must complete the enclosed nomination form and mail with supporting documentation to: **Sherry H. Thomas, Exceptional Children Division; NC Department of Public Instruction; 6356 Mail Service Center; Raleigh, NC 27699-6356** no later than February 8, 2018. Only one (1) nomination will be considered from any nominating person or organization. The nomination will not be accepted via fax or email.

All information is to be kept confidential by the nominator and the selection committee. Persons nominated should not be informed of their nomination. The selection committee will contact all selected nominees for this award. Staff members currently employed by or on contract with the Department of Public Instruction are not eligible to be considered for nomination.

Thank you for your efforts in helping us identify those distinguished individuals in North Carolina who have made a significant difference statewide in the education of exceptional children. Questions about the nomination process should be directed to Sherry H. Thomas at (919) 807-3992 or sherry.thomas@dpi.nc.gov.

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Enclosures

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Exceptional Children Division
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Exceptional Children Division will honor selected North Carolinians who have distinguished themselves statewide in leadership and service to the education of exceptional children. This presentation is part of the awards luncheon planned as part of the Exceptional Children March Institute on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC.

The Exceptional Children Division Distinguished Service Award recipients will be:

- ◆ Honored at the awards luncheon and invited to attend and bring guest(s);
- ◆ Profiled on the DPI website;
- ◆ Presented a letter of recognition;
- ◆ Presented a commemorative plaque; and
- ◆ Added to the Distinguished Service Award Plaque at the Department of Public Instruction.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The nominee must be a North Carolinian who has demonstrated outstanding service statewide on behalf of exceptional children.

- ◆ The nominees must be distinguished with a prominent reputation and must have made significant contributions to the education of exceptional children in **one or more** of the following areas:
 - ◆ development/implementation of innovative teaching strategies and methods and/or promising programs/strategies at the administrative level;
 - ◆ provision of dynamic leadership;
 - ◆ provision of evaluation services;
 - ◆ fostering productive parent involvement;
 - ◆ facilitation of school to work partnerships;
 - ◆ advancement of educational research, promotion/protection of beneficial legislation;
 - ◆ outstanding public advocacy.
- ◆ Nominees may be professionals, parents, and/or educators.
- ◆ Staff members currently employed by or on contract with the Department of Public Instruction are not eligible to be nominated.
- ◆ No nominations will be considered without the nomination packet.
- ◆ Posthumous nominations are not accepted.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

1. All nominations must be submitted in writing. Only one (1) nomination will be considered from any nominating person or organization. To be considered for selection the Nomination Form and nomination packet must be received by **the deadline, February 8, 2018**. All information on the nomination form must be completed.
2. The nominator should submit the original nomination packet. The packet is to be mailed to the Exceptional Children Division, and the nominator is to keep a copy for his/her files. Nomination packets will not be returned.
3. All information should be kept confidential by the nominator. The Exceptional Children Distinguished Service Award Selection Committee will choose the recipients of this distinguished award from all nominations received. Award recipients will be notified of the honor by the selection committee.
4. Mail applications with supporting documentation to: **Sherry H. Thomas, Exceptional Children Division; NC Department of Public Instruction; 6356 Mail Service Center; Raleigh, NC 27699-6356** no later than February 8, 2018. Fax or email nomination packets will not be accepted.

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Exceptional Children Division
Prior Recipients
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

2000

Nellie Apsel
Anne Hyde
Mildred L. Blackburn
Cathy D. Kea
Theodore R. Drain
Sally Sloop

Bobbie Fulk Grammer
Gail Bettis
Margaret Meany
Vivian Dalmas
Jane Bolton Schulz
Cecelia Steppe-Jones

James L. Barden
Helen Rhyne Marvin
William A. Creech
Octavia Knight
James Gallagher

2002

Jessie Ruth Angel
Addison Neal Smith
E. Lowell Harris

Frank Terry Kemp
Myrna L. Doernberg
Quinton K. Wall

Sally Jane Dixon
Janet Oakley Sockwell

2004

Alice P. Bartley
James F. McKethan
Martha E. Downing
Regina P. Snead
Richard B. White

Thomas L. Layton
Ann R. Brady
I. Azell Reeves
Irene S. Howell

Lee M. Beall
Joy T. Nance
Connie K. Hawkins
Judy G. Thorne

2006

Glenda M. Adams
Samuel R. Patton
Rebecca H. Felton
Linda M. West
W. David Mills

Lucy F. Milner
Diane M. Browder
Winford L. Rose
David L. Lillie

Ellen H. Bacon
David A. Powers
Joseph H. Knight
Brenda C. Winston

2008

Lee Crisp
Jane Rourk

Joel Hastings
Brenda Gilchrest

Barbara Gerhard
Marsha Trip

2010

Diann Irwin
Odell Clanton

Randolph Foy
Carol Arnold

Tony Mitchell

2012

Joan V. Bond
Beverly P. Crotts
Mattie L. Muwwakkil

Cathy M. Boshamer
Karen Haas

Glenda Callicutt
Mary C. Hutchens

2014

Susan W. Davis
William Trant

Dale J. Metz
Mary N. Watson

Laura H. Snyder
Kathryn Wilson

2016

Kathryn Davis
Stephen Hooper

Samuel Dempsey
James Rich

Carolyn Hammond
Ira Wolfe

